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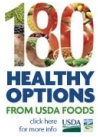
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## THINK FOOD

### School Nutrition Programs

#### Shipment 6

#### December 2013



#### USDA FOODS UPDATE

The pork roasts that were supposed to be shipped on Shipment 4 did not arrive in time to be included on that shipment. The Mozzarella LMPS cheese was moved to Shipment 4 as a replacement. The pork roasts have since arrived and will be shipped on Shipment 6.

There are still cases of ham sliced, frozen corn, frozen eggs, and chicken patty tenders available on Shipment 6. Email your request for additional cases to [juwilson@mt.gov](mailto:juwilson@mt.gov) by November 21, 2013.



#### ABC COMMITTEE MEETING UPDATE

The ABC committee met recently in Miles City, Great Falls and Missoula. The committee discussed which foods to include on the USDA Foods order form for school year 2014-15. Additions to the order will include a lower sodium sliced ham to replace the current product. Because of allergy related issues, sunbutter will be added as a test item to see if enough schools are interested in using their commodity dollars to purchase it. A new item that the USDA is looking at is string cheese. Although the USDA does not have it

listed as a USDA Foods item at this time, it will be included on the OPI USDA Foods order form to survey interest should the cheese become available.

The committee sampled products presented by Asian Food Solutions. Pam Murray from Asian Food Solutions did a presentation about processing, what it is and how it works, and what could be done to help schools easily utilize the processing program.

Updates to the Cooperative Purchasing Program were also discussed.

#### ABC COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU!



Due to retirement, job changes, or for any other number of reasons, our committee seems to be shrinking. We would like to encourage everyone to think about becoming a member of the committee. Past members of the committee found that not only were their opinions valuable to the success of lunch programs across Montana, but being a part of the committee offered them the opportunity to learn from their peers and receive helpful information about the USDA Foods and Cooperative Purchasing Programs.

Enclosed in this mailing is an application that explains what the committee is. If you are interested, please complete and return the form to the OPI School Nutrition Programs office at P.O. Box 202501, Helena, MT 59620-2501 or by fax to (406) 444-2955.

### **2014-15 USDA FOODS ORDER COMING SOON**

The USDA Foods order form will be available online soon to place your orders for school year 2014-15.

We want to remind everyone that the order form will include the opportunity for you to submit your DoD Fresh participation for school year 2014-15. Previously this was done in the spring with a form that was filled out, signed, and faxed to the OPI School Nutrition Programs office.



### **EMAIL ADDRESS CORRECTION**

In the Shipment 5 Think Food Cindy Giese's email address was listed incorrectly. Cindy now has a state email address [cgiese@mt.gov](mailto:cgiese@mt.gov).

### **NEW PART TIME SPECIALIST**

The OPI School Nutrition Programs now includes Jill Griffin as our newest team member. Jill will be working part-time from the Helena office on Mondays and Tuesdays all day and Wednesday afternoons. She can be reached by

phone at (406) 444-3574 or by email at [jgriffin3@mt.gov](mailto:jgriffin3@mt.gov).

Jill grew up in Billings, MT and attended the University of Northern Colorado where she received a Bachelor of Science in dietetics and a Bachelor of Arts in French. She completed her dietetic internship at Central Michigan University. She is a registered dietitian and worked for three years as a clinical dietitian in Denver, Colorado. As well as working for the OPI School Nutrition Programs, she also works part time at the Lewis and Clark County Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Clinic in Helena.

Jill and her husband Zach are glad to be back to the slower-paced life Montana has to offer. In her free time Jill enjoys hiking, backpacking, skiing, playing games, and cooking.

